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From: Easterling, Deborah
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2009 3:21 PM
To: 'Jean Benson'
Cc: Duke, Daphne
Subject: RE: Raising the Rates

Dear Ms. Benson:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email to our PSC Website Comments.

I am forwarding your email to our Docketing Department for handling. Your email will become a part of Docket No. 2009-226-E and will be posted on our website under this Docket.

Please let me know if you should require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling

From: Jean Benson [mailto:jean@ivesta.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2009 10:00 AM
To: Contact
Subject: Raising the Rates

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm very alarmed at the possibility of the increase in cost of energy. How can we be expected to handle this when we are being taxed to no end and jobs are laying off people. It's not at all what we need right now.



Regards,

Duke Energy Wants To Raise Rates In SC

Duke Energy Proposes 9.3% Increase

POSTED: 2:28 pm EDT July 27, 2009
UPDATED: 9:22 am EDT July 28, 2009

CHARLOTTE, N.C. -- Duke Energy Carolinas filed requests Monday with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina to make several adjustments to customer bills, including an increase of 9.3 percent to general rates.

If approved, this would be the first general rate increase in South Carolina since 1991.

However, the increase would be reduced to 7.2 percent because of the company's plan to refund money collected from customers for past energy efficiency programs. The money would be returned through monthly bills over approximately five years.

The company is also proposing to reduce fuel charges in bills for 12 months. The recession is leading to lower power use, so less fuel is being burned than originally forecast, Duke officials said.

If all of the company's requests are approved, the average South Carolina monthly residential bill -- for 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity -- would increase to about \$97.

If approved, reductions to the fuel portion of customer bills would occur Oct. 1, 2009 through Sept. 30, 2010. Other changes would be implemented no earlier than Jan. 1, 2010.

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